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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Cast your burden on the Lord and He shall sustain you.—Psalm 55:22.

Gracious Father, we respond to this uplifting promise with gratitude. Each of us has burdens. Some of them are profoundly personal. We carry the burden of our failures. In the quiet we hear You say, "You are forgiven; peace be with you." We also carry the burden of worry over our families and friends. You remind us that You love the people about whom we are concerned and so we turn our anxiety about the needs of people over to You. In our work we are burdened by the unfinished and the unresolved. Help us to do the very best we can each day and leave the results to You. As leaders of our Nation, we are troubled by the drift of our society from Your righteousness and truth. The burden of leadership rests heavily on our shoulders. We hear Your whisper in our souls, "I will never leave you or forsake you."

Dear God, bless the Senators, their families, staffs, and all who are part of the extended Senate family here in the Capitol. Whatever burdens each carries today, we ask You to lift them by Your grace and provide for them out of Your boundless resources. Then help us to lift each other's burdens by being as encouraging as You have been to us.

Today we join with the Nation in honoring and expressing our gratitude for peace officers. Thank You for those gallant officers who have given their lives in the line of duty.

In the name of our Lord. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able Senator from New Mexico is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, on behalf of the leader, I make the following statement to the Senate.

This morning the Senate will immediately begin consideration of Senate Concurrent Resolution 57, the concurrent budget resolution. There is a 50-hour statutory time limitation on the budget, therefore Senators can expect late sessions this week and rollover votes throughout in order to complete action on the budget this week.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. INHOFE). Under the previous order, the Senate will now proceed to consideration of Senate Concurrent Resolution 57, which the clerk will read.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 57) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002.

The Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Mexico.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I send to the desk a list of majority and minority staff members and ask unanimous consent they be granted the privilege of the floor at various times at the option of the manager and the ranking member.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The list is as follows:

MAJORITY STAFF

Brian Benczkowski, Jim Capretta, Amy Call, Lisa Cieplak, Christy Dunn, Beth Felder, Alice Grant, Jim Hearn, Keith Hennessey, William Hoagland.

Carol McGuire, Anne Miller, Mieke Nakabayashi, Denise G. Ramonas, Cheri Reidy, Ricardo Rel, Karen Ricoy, J. Brian Riley, Mike Ruffner.

Melissa Sampson, Andrea Shank, Amy Smith, Austin Smythe, Bob Stevenson, Beth Wallis, Winslow Wheeler (detailee).

MINORITY STAFF

Amy Abraham, Kenneth Colling (fellow), Bill Dauster, Tony Dresden, Jodi Grant, Matt Greenwald, Joan Huffer, Phil Karsting, Jim Klumpner, Soo Jin Kwon.

Daniela Mays, Sue Nelson, Jon Rosenwasser (fellow), Jerry Slominski, Barry Strumpf.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, again in behalf of the majority leader, I ask unanimous consent that the presence of small electronic calculators be permitted on the floor of the Senate during consideration of the 1997 concurrent resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DOMENICI. Now, Mr. President, as I understand it, there are 50 hours of debate on this resolution. Unless it is agreed to add additional time, each amendment is given 1 hour for the amendment, 1 hour in opposition to the amendment. Amendments to the amendments have one-half hour, and one-half hour in opposition.

The Budget Act prescribes that opening statements will utilize 4 hours on economics, and that will be the opening of the budget debate. I am not so sure we are going to use all that time, but I would like to engage in a dialog with the ranking member, if he would, at this point.

Senator EXON, I note, and I think you would concur, this is a rather exceptional year in that there are three full budgets that will be offered to the Senate: There is the Republican budget that is pending, encapsulated in the

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